Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price index increased 0.9 percent between February 2011 and March 2011 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 1.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.9 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2011 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, fresh vegetables, children's clothing and non-prescription medication. Prices also rose for women's clothing, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, and bakery products.

Moderating these increases were price reductions for sugar and confectionery, fresh fruit, and men's clothing. Prices also fell for footwear, reading material and or other printed material, the purchasing and leasing passenger vehicles and pet food and supplies.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.0 percent between March 2010 and March 2011 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.1 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2010 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, fresh vegetables, and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also rose for electricity, housing replacement cost, rent, and food purchased from restaurants.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for prescribed medicine, natural gas, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for fresh fruit, household appliances, home entertainment equipment parts and services and passenger vehicle insurance premiums.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2011	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010 to Mar. 2011
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	121.4	120.3	0.9	3.0
Food	127.5	125.9	1.3	3.9
Shelter	143.2	142.8	0.3	2.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.0	104.0	0.0	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	98.2	95.8	2.5	1.2
Transportation	116.1	114.0	1.8	5.5
Health and Personal Care	113.3	111.8	1.3	0.8
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.3	104.8	0.5	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	140.8	140.5	0.2	3.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.2	118.6	0.5	2.2
Energy	141.5	136.7	3.5	9.3
CANADA				
All-Items	119.4	118.1	1.1	3.3
Food	127.2	125.3	1.5	3.3
Shelter	124.6	124.5	0.1	2.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	110.4	110.1	0.3	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	94.4	89.4	5.6	0.9
Transportation	124.8	122.6	1.8	6.6
Health and Personal Care	116.4	116.0	0.3	2.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.9	103.8	1.1	2.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	134.8	135.0	-0.1	2.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.8	115.8	0.9	2.4
Energy	151.7	146.3	3.7	12.8
REGINA				
All-Items	121.8	120.7	0.9	3.1
SASKATOON				
All-Items	122.1	121.1	0.8	2.7

Note: **These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.**

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010 to Mar. 2011
Canada	1.1	3.3
Newfoundland	1.0	3.2
Prince Edward Island	0.9	2.4
Nova Scotia	1.2	3.9
New Brunswick	1.0	3.1
Quebec	1.4	3.3
Ontario	1.2	3.6
Manitoba	0.8	2.8
Saskatchewan	0.9	3.0
Alberta	0.2	2.0
British Columbia	0.8	3.1
Whitehorse	0.9	3.2
Yellowknife	1.1	3.1
Iqaluit	0.3	1.7

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010 to Mar. 2011
St. John's	0.8	3.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.9	2.3
Halifax	1.1	3.7
Saint John	1.1	3.2
Quebec City	1.4	3.2
Montreal	1.4	3.1
Ottawa	1.1	3.6
Toronto	1.3	3.6
Thunder Bay	1.1	3.4
Winnipeg	0.8	2.7
Regina	0.9	3.1
Saskatoon	0.8	2.7
Edmonton	0.4	2.0
Calgary	0.1	1.6
Vancouver	0.9	3.0
Victoria	0.8	2.9
Whitehorse	0.9	3.2
Yellowknife	1.1	3.1
Iqaluit	0.3	1.7

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